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SUBJECT: PRE-LICENSE CHECKS: GECSEMI-CONDUCTORS LTD., EAST
LANE, WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND

REF: OEA/CD SURVEY 3-198

1. SUMMARY. GEC ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY ONE
MILLION DOLLARS WORTH HIGH-TECHNOLOGY SEMICONDUCTOR MANU-
FACTURING AND TESTING EQUIPMENT. SAME EQUIPMENT BEING
ACTIVELY SOUGHT BY SOVIETS. LONDON'S WTDR DATED APRIL 6,
1978, REFLECTS COMPANY APPARENTLY NOT IN FINANCIAL POSITION
TO MAKE SUCH INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. LEITMOTIF
RECENT INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING SUCH EQUIPMENT IS THAT
LEGITIMATE FIRMS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY BEING APPROACHED
TO ACT AS PURCHASERS. GOODS ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR USSR
THROUGH ONE OR MORE INTERMEDIARIES. END SUMMARY.

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2. MACRODATA INT'L., WOODLAND HILLS, CALIF., APPLIED FOR
EXPORT LICENSE (BTR NO. A296458) TO SHIP ONE MACRODATA
MD-501-48 TEST SYSTEM, TOTAL VALUE: 430,000 DOLLARS, TO
SUBJECT FIRM.

3. STATED END-USE: ELECTRONIC TESTING OF SEMI-CONDUCTOR

MEMORIES.

4. APPLICATION SUPPORTED BY U.K. IMPORT CERTIFICATE
NO. 136 US, DATED 1/18/78.

5. GCA/BURLINGTON DIVISION, BURLINGTON, MASS., APPLIED
FOR EXPORT LICENSE (BTR NO. A300624) TO SHIP ONE TYPE
3095 PHOTOREPEATER AND ONE TYPE 3,000 PATTERN GENERATOR,
ALONG WITH PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE RESPECTIVE
EQUIPMENT, TOTAL VALUE: 408,044 DOLLARS, TO SUBJECT FIRM.

6. MAGNET SHIPPING SERVICES, 132 LONG ACRE, LONDON WC2,
3,9AH, ENGLAND SHOWN AS INTERMEDIATE CONSIGNEE.

7. END-USE: CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MASKS
USED IN THE SEMI-CONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

8. APPLICATION SUPPORTED BY UK IMPORT CERTIFICATE NO.
466 US, DATED 2/16/78.

9. BACKGROUND: RECENT INVESTIGATIONS DISCLOSED THAT
REPUTABLE FIRMS IN STRAITENED CIRCUMSTANCES ARE APPROACHED
BY OTHER FIRMS TO PURCHASE HIGH-TECHNOLOGY SEMI-CONDUCTOR
MANUFACTURING AND TESTING EQUIPMENT. SUCH PROPOSITIONS
SOUND LEGITIMATE. ANY SUSPICIONS ARE BLUNTED BY EITHER
HINTS OR PROMISES THAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INITIAL
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TRANSACTION(S) WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ADDITIONAL LUCRATIVE
ORDERS. END BACKGROUND.

10. WTDR ON SUBJECT FIRM RECEIVED IN OEA/CD ON 4/19/78.
LONDON'S 5389, DATED 4/6/78, INDICATES THAT SUBJECT
APPARENTLY NOT IN FINANCIAL POSITION TO MAKE ABOVE-
MENTIONED PURCHASES.

ACTION REQUESTED

11. CONTACT GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. LTD., OF LONDON (ABOVE-
MENTIONED WTDR INDICATES SUBJECT IS SUBSIDIARY OF ENGLISH
ELECTRIC CO. LTD. OF MANCHESTER WHICH IS IN TURN SUBSID-
IARY OF GE OF LONDON.) MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES TO DETER-
MINE IF GE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBSIDIARY'S SUBSIDIARY, THEIR
CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS AND PLANS FOR EXPANSION. ASK IF
SUBJECT IN POSITION TO MAKE ABOVEMENTIONED INVESTMENT IN
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.

12. CONTACT SUBJECT. DETERMINE BONA FIDES OF TRANSACTION.
REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED PURCHASES OF

ABOVEMENTIONED EQUIPMENT. WHO WILL HOLD TITLE? HOW MUCH
WILL EQUIPMENT INCREASE PRODUCTION CAPACITY? WHERE WILL
SEMICONDUCTORS BE MARKETED?

13. DOES SUBJECT PLAN TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL US-ORIGIN
EQUIPMENT? IF SO, REQUEST DETAILS. HAS FIRM PURCHASED
US-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE PAST YEAR? IF SO, WHAT?

14. REQUEST EMBASSY CABLE RESULTS PRE-LICENSE CHECKS. VANCE

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